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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application
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For: **Expansion of RAID Subsystem Using Spare Space with Immediate
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

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2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a);
3. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$450.00 to cover 2 month extension of time fee; and
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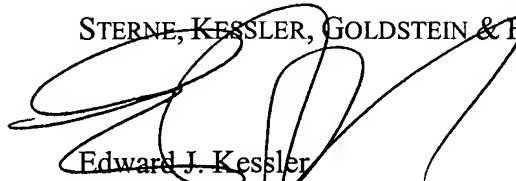
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